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TO AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE, MAY 15, FROM BANGKOK RPTD
TO YOU:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 7620

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THE FOLLOWING SENT ACTION BANGKOK FROM AMCONSUL CHIANG MAI ON
MAY 10 TH IS BEING REPEATED TO YOU FOR INFO.

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L CHIANG MAI 150

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BM, SNAR

SUBJECT: GUB MOVES AGAINST KKY

REF: CHIANG MAI'S 145

1. CALLED ON LT. COLONEL MAUNG KYI, BURMESE CONSUL GENERAL,
MORNING MAY 10. DURING GENERAL DISCUSSION CG SAID THAT RECENT
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ACTIVITY IN TACHILEK IS RESULT OF GUB POLICY DECISION TO MOVE

AGAINST OPIUM SMUGGLERS IN THAT AREA. HE SAID THAT THE GUB WAS CONCERNED ABOUT ITS GOOD NAME AND DECIDED SOME TIME AGO THAT ACTION HAD TO BE TAKEN AGAINST THESE PEOPLE. HE ALSO SAID THAT REPRESENTATIONS OF U. S. AMBASSADOR IN RANGOON PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN BRINGING ABOUT THIS GUB DECISION.

2. CG SAID THAT PREVIOUSLY THE KKY WERE QUITE USEFUL TO GUB. HOWEVER, THE GUB WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE THEM WITH ADEQUATE SUPPORT AND CONSEQUENTLY HAD TO " SIT BY WITH FOLDED HANDS" WHILE KKY GROUPS TOOK CARE OF THEMSELVES, USUALLY THROUGH OPIUM SMUGGLING. HE SAID NOW THE SUPPRESSION OF OPIUM HAS MOVED UP TO FIRST PRIORITY FOR THE GUB; THEREFORE THE KKY MUST BE SUPPRESSED. HE SAID THAT MANY OF THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE KKY COULD END UP AS MEMBERS OF THE BURMESE ARMY, ALTHOUGH THE GROUPS THEMSELVES WERE GOING TO BE SPLIT UP.
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